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In re Application of  
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ON PETITION

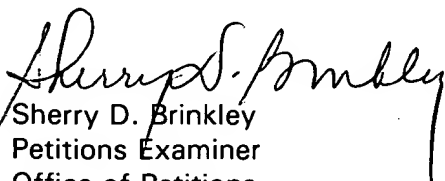
This is a decision on the petition, filed May 10, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

***Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid February 5, 2002 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.***<sup>1</sup>

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2671 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

  
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<sup>1</sup>The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice must be made in writing and should be accompanied by the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), along with a copy of this decision. Additionally, if the issue fee has increased from the previously paid issue fee, the balance due must be submitted. Failure to *timely* request *in writing* that the previously paid issue fee be applied towards the new Notice and payment of any balance due will result in the abandonment of the application.